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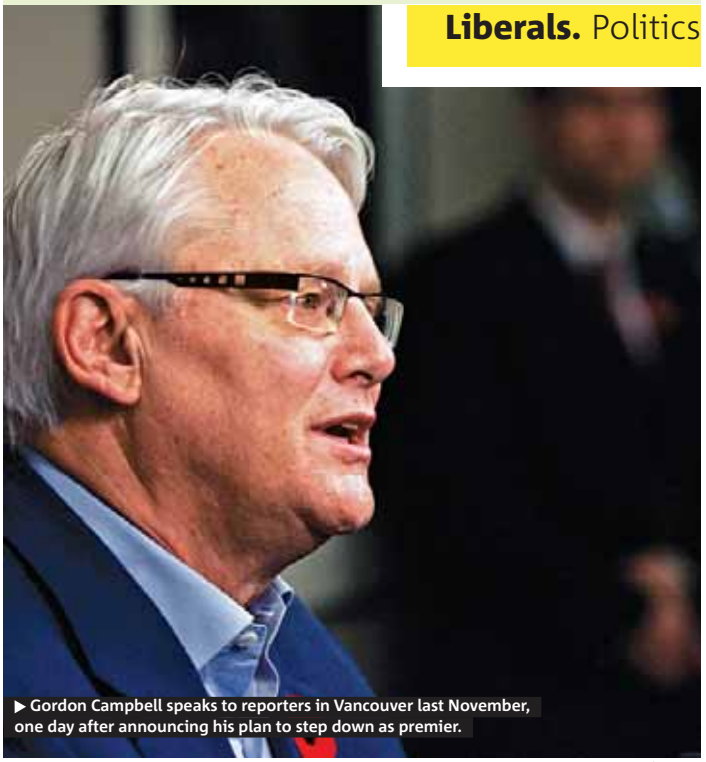

▶ Gordon Campbell speaks to reporters in Vancouver last November, one day after announcing his plan to step down as premier.

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Campbell gives up riding

Gordon Campbell — who was officially succeeded by Premier Christy Clark on Monday — announced yesterday he was stepping down as MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey, leaving the seat vacant for a possible byelection. Story, page 4.

Man accused of assaulting teen

32-year-old advertised party on Facebook, police allege {page 3}

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Cops find no trace of remains

Excavation of townhome turns out to be fruitless for police ◐ Mother of six missing since 1977

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A mystery that resulted in an East Vancouver home being excavated last week remains just that after police walked away empty-handed.

Const. Jana McGuinness told media yesterday that after seven days digging in the basement of a three-storey home at 4843 Rupert St., investigators and forensic experts from Simon Fraser University failed to come up with any trace of Catherine Mary Brown's remains.

Her son, Robert Sturcz, recently alleged he witnessed his mother being murdered and buried in the basement when he was a child.

"The whole basement floor was excavated. Every inch of it was dug up and it was examined from wall to wall," McGuinness said. "All of that revealed nothing. We have not found any remains."

Police admit there has been no trace of the mother of six since 1977, but they can't confirm Sturcz's story.

"We can't speculate, we have to be in the business of facts and finding evidence. It's really just a memory he has that we haven't been able to prove."

Brown would have been 76 years old this year.

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▶ Vancouver police Const. Jana McGuinness speaks to reporters yesterday.

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Kidney home suite home

- Foundation provides first suite for families affected by kidney disease
- Family can use facility until child completes treatment, transplant

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▶ Rhonda Morton and her daughter, Challaine, in Vancouver yesterday. They will be staying in the family kidney suite while Challaine, 2, goes through dialysis and gets a kidney transplant.

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A mother and daughter from Bella Coola are the first residents of a new family kidney suite that opened in Vancouver yesterday.

Rhonda Morton and her daughter Challaine will be staying in the suite while the two-year-old undergoes hemodialysis and awaits kidney transplant here in Vancouver.

Morton said staying in the suite has alleviated the stress of looking after her daughter, paying for accommodations, and travelling all the way to Vancouver for treatment.

"It helps a family to be a family and at the end of the day have a place you can call home," said Morton. "It's hard seeing your child in a hospital bed. (In the suite) Challaine can get on the floor and crawl around and play with her toys ... and be a child away from hemo."

Carolyn Maingot, a social worker for the renal program at the B.C. Children's Hospital, said scrambling to look for housing can cause stress and even bankruptcy.

She said having a bigger suite allows patients and their parents to have much-needed family support close to them while they go through treatment.

Family welcome

- The Kidney Foundation of Canada, B.C. branch and B.C. Housing partnered to provide the two-storey, three-bedroom townhouse to out-of-town families during their lengthy stays in Vancouver.

'Party host' charged with sexual assault

A 32-year-old man has been arrested and charged with sexual assault after allegedly hosting a party for teens and taking advantage of a 15-year-old girl in Chilliwack.

The man is accused of advertising the party on Facebook, which RCMP Cpl. Tammy Hollingsworth said is becoming a trend.

"There's indication that older men, meaning mid-30s, are hosting parties for teenagers and supplying them with alcohol," said Hollingsworth.

Due to their lack of experience with alcohol, they end up passing out and being taken advantage of.

"Facebook seems to be a trend with teenagers and if there's a 32-year-old man inviting you to a party on Facebook, that should be a huge red flag for anybody," said Hollingsworth.

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Teens targeted

- Martin Tremblay, 45, was convicted of sexually assaulting five teenage girls in 2003.
- He admitted to luring teens into his home with alcohol and drugs, then videotaping himself assaulting them when they were passed out.

Japanese students return home

While Canadians in Japan are looking for a swift exit from the quake-stricken nation, 27 Japanese students in Kamloops are flying home today to be reunited with their families.

The students narrowly escaped disaster themselves. The group had been studying at Thompson Rivers University (TRU) and were scheduled to return to Japan the same day that the 9.0-level earthquake hit.

While none of the students lost any loved ones in the disaster, two are from the hardest-hit region of Sendai.

According to the university, several Japanese full-semester and exchange students remain at TRU.

University staff is in the midst of discussion regarding arrangements with respect to their return as well.

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Man found dead in East Hastings suite

Vancouver police are investigating the second homicide this year within the city's boundaries after a 56-year-old man was found dead in his apartment.

Police say a friend was dropping in for a visit and found the man dead in a seventh floor suite on East Hastings Street on March 11.

The victim was found with obvious "signs of trauma" on his body, and an autopsy confirmed yesterday that he had been murdered.

The man's identity and the cause of death are not being released.

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Man faces murder charges in 2008 blast

Jamie Michael Cliff faces two counts of first-degree murder following the Oct. 25, 2008 blast at an east Vancouver apartment.

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News in brief

Fire leaves 5 homeless

BLAZE. Five people are homeless after a fire broke out at an East Vancouver apartment yesterday morning.

The blaze started in the kitchen of the home near Victoria Street and 33rd Avenue after someone left a pot unattended on the stove.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

Mountie pleads guilty

DRIVING. A Burnaby RCMP officer has pleaded guilty to driving without care and attention after causing an accident in 2007 that killed two men. Const. Petina Kostiuk was responding to a call when she ran a red light and killed Walter Hara, 26, and Albert Haczewski, 27.

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Invaders hit wrong house

MASKED MEN. An elderly Surrey couple was shaken up after their house was broken into by four masked men in the middle of the night. Police believe the men targeted the wrong house.

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Charges for cop approved

ASSAULT. Crown counsel has approved assault charges against Abbotsford RCMP Const. Adam Page for allegedly roughing up a man who had already been arrested for shoplifting in 2009.

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PM announces fund renewal

YOUTH. Prime Minister Stephen Harper made a stop in Surrey yesterday to announce the renewal of the Youth Gang Prevention Fund. MEAGAN GILL

Gordon Campbell offers Clark a seat

- Christy Clark has a way into legislature after ex-premier vacates seat
- SFU political science professor predicts easy byelection victory

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▶ Gordon Campbell waves to supporters in Vancouver after winning a third term as premier in 2009.

Don't call her Dorothy, but Premier Christy Clark now has a yellow brick road to follow that will land her in the legislature.

Predecessor Gordon Campbell announced yesterday that he has vacated his Vancouver-Point Grey seat after four terms of provincial public service and would be quitting politics, effective immediately.

The departure — coming a day after Clark was sworn in as the new premier — offers the new Liberal leader a clear path to Victoria through a fall byelection.

"It's the most logical course of action," said Simon Fraser University political scientist Marjorie Griffin Cohen. "People like her and the NDP doesn't really have anyone ready to run there, so I don't think she'd have trouble being elected at all."

Clark said it's "likely" she'll pursue the Vancouver-Point Grey seat and has insisted before she wants to be in the legislature as soon as possible.

Clark won the Liberal leadership race over Kevin Falcon, George Abbott and Mike de Jong Feb. 26 and immediately went to work on her transition plan.

On Monday, she was sworn in as premier and reduced the size of cabinet from 24 ministers to 17.

World Vision

Japan devastated by quake and tsunami

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World Vision needs your help to provide immediate humanitarian relief to the children and families of Japan.

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Japan fights to avert a meltdown

Plan to douse stricken nuclear reactors with water is called off when radiation levels force workers out Fires continue to threaten plant

Japan suspended operations to prevent a stricken nuclear plant from melting down today after a surge in radiation made it too dangerous for workers to remain at the facility.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano said work on dousing reactors with water was disrupted by the need to withdraw.

Earlier officials said 70 per cent of fuel rods at one of the six reactors at the plant were significantly damaged in the aftermath of Friday's calamitous earthquake and tsunami.

Officials said they would use helicopters and fire trucks to spray water in a desperate effort to prevent further radiation leaks and to cool down the reactors.

The nuclear crisis has triggered international alarm and partly overshadowed the human tragedy caused by Friday's double disaster, which pulverized Japan's northeastern coastline, killing an estimated 10,000 people.

Authorities have tried frantically since last Friday's earthquake and tsunami to avert an environmental catastrophe at the Fukushima Dai-ichi complex in northeastern Japan.

There are six reactors at the plant, and three that were operating at the time have been rocked by explosions. The one still on fire was offline at the time of the magnitude-9.0 quake.

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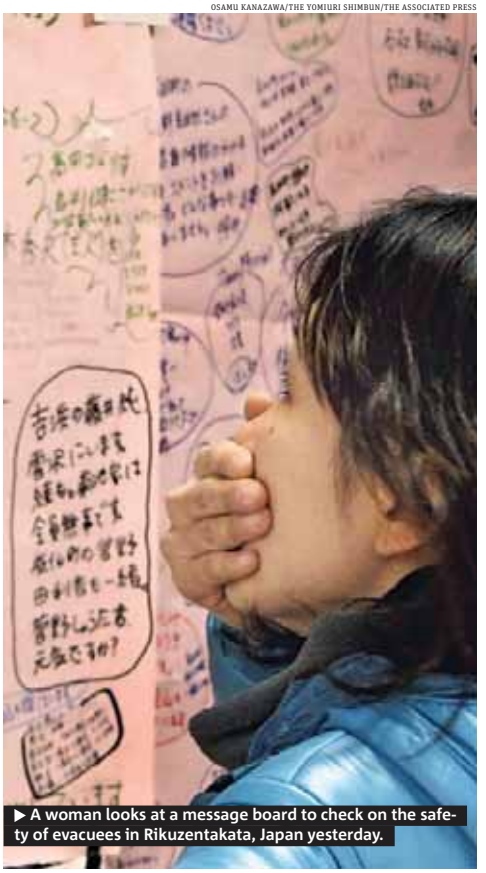

▶ A woman looks at a message board to check on the safety of evacuees in Rikuzentakata, Japan yesterday.

Good news amidst the rubble

Rescuers pulled a 70-year-old woman from her toppled home yesterday, four days after an earthquake-spurred tsunami tossed the house off its foundation in Japan's northeast.

The rescues of Sai Abe and a younger man pulled from rubble elsewhere in the region were rare good news following Friday's disaster.

Abe's son said he had tried to save his mother but could not get her to flee her home in the port town of Otsuchi. His relief at her rescue, he said, was tempered by the fact that his father is still missing.

The woman was suffering from hypothermia and was sent to a hospital, but appeared to have no life-threatening injuries, said a spokesman for Osaka fire department.

Conditions for those still alive in the rubble worsened as a cold front arrived yestserday, further pushing down temperatures. Snow is forecast over the next few days.

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Gaza-bound missiles seized: Israel

Country says Hamas routinely has arms shipments delivered to Egypt and then smuggled across Sinai peninsula to bypass naval blockade

Israel said yesterday it seized a cargo ship loaded with weapons sent by Iran to Palestinian militants in Gaza, including sophisticated land-to-sea missiles that officials said could change the balance of power in the area.

The takeover in the Mediterranean Sea was the latest in a series of Israeli naval raids meant to counter the growing influence of Iran, which Israel accuses of supplying rockets and other arms to Israel's enemies.

The navy's deputy commander, Brig. Gen. Rani Ben-Yehudah, said investigators found between two and four Chinese-made C-704 missiles.

Ben-Yehudah said Iran is known to possess these weapons, the shipment included instruction manuals in Farsi and there were other clues that "explicitly" showed Iranian involvement.

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▶ An Israeli navy vessel enters Israeli port of Ashdod yesterday.

Rallies in West Bank, Gaza urge end to feud

Thousands of Palestinians thronged major squares in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank yesterday to deliver an impassioned appeal to their leaders to end the long-running feud that has divided the Palestinian people between two rival governments.

Demonstrators on each side of the Palestinian divide hoisted banners urging their leaders to unite the government that split after Hamas militants seized control of Gaza in June 2007, leaving Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of the Fatah Party ruling only the West Bank.

Hamas security officers started beating marchers after their demonstration permit expired before sundown, witnesses said. A small Palestinian faction said Hamas security beat dozens with clubs, trying to disperse the crowd.

Past reconciliation attempts have failed and the marches seemed unlikely to bring the sides together because neither Fatah nor Hamas seem inclined to relinquish the power they have.

But if the campaign gains strength, it could pressure the rival governments to start talking again. Hamas, in particular, is waiting to see how the situation in neighbouring Egypt evolves.

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Aides to Italian leader under fire

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▶ Karima (Ruby) el-Mahroug

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi paid for sex with an under-age Moroccan teen 13 times at his villa near Milan, prosecutors said in a document filed yesterday seeking indictments against three aides for allegedly soliciting prostitutes for the Italian leader.

The seven-page document, obtained by The Associated Press, alleges that the sex-fuelled parties started with dinner, progressed to erotic dancing involving the prime minister and culminated with Berlusconi's choice of a sex partner, or partners.

Prosecutors have formally closed the investigation and are seeking indictments against the three aides, whom they accuse of identifying possible sex partners for Berlusconi and informing them of payment and other compensation "that they would have received."

The prime minister separately faces trial in Milan April 6 on charges of under-age prostitution and using his influence to cover it up. Berlusconi has denied all charges.

Besides the teen, Karima el-Mahroug, known by her nickname Ruby, the document identifies 32 other women whom the three aides involved in parties at Berlusconi's villa near Milan.

Ruby also has denied having had sex with the prime minister, and says she has never acted as a prostitute.

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BEAR'S SUNSHINE DAYDREAM IS OVER

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

"What a long strange trip it's been."
— Grateful Dead

You might have missed it. If so, you're forgiven. Even if the Japanese earthquake wasn't the biggest story ever, you might have missed the death of Owsley Stanley in a car crash in Australia.

Owsley who?

Oh, just some guy who blew the mind of a generation.

The guy who brewed the purest LSD this side of a Swiss chemist's lab.

The LSD that the Beatles dropped during the making of the Magical Mystery Tour.

The King of LSD produced a half-kilo of pure LSD during his career as the rock 'n' roll chemist. Doesn't sound like much, but that's five million doses. Enough to make "psychedelic" a household word.

Because he was also the sound engineer for the Grateful Dead, he was at ground zero of Woodstock Nation, his work immortalized in the lyrics of Jimi Hendrix and Steely Dan, to name just a couple.

Thanks to Owsley Stanley, more than a few sleek, grey stockbrokers, doctors, lawyers and politicians occasionally stop and stare at an interesting carpet pattern for longer than might seem absolutely necessary.

During the period around the Summer of Love — 1967 — Stanley was everywhere.

He designed the dancing bear logo for the Grateful Dead. In fact, he was the dancing bear — his nickname was Bear and he was a dancer. He was also the grandson of the governor of Kentucky.

He supplied the LSD for The Merry Pranksters Acid Test, which Tom Wolfe chronicled in The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test, and journalism, formerly the domain of serious guys in trench coats, was never the same.

Unlike most people who tripped out in the '60s, then got a real job, Stanley stayed out there. Way out there.

He moved to Australia because he thought the Northern Hemisphere was due for another Ice Age. He ate only dairy products and meat, because he believed human beings were natural carnivores and viewed vegetables as toxic.

He died Sunday at 76 after losing control of his car and sliding down a hillside near his home. It's hard to believe his adventures with LSD and the law once made international headlines, but it's hard to believe men don't let their hair grow long anymore. They're lucky if they still have hair.

Owsley Stanley was the first hippie — and he was the last hippie. Woodstock Nation is now officially a thing of the past. Won't be long before the next generation thinks we made the whole thing up, like Atlantis.

Meanwhile, the dancing bear is now among the grateful dead forever.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Worth mentioning

Shocked into action by Japan's atomic crisis, European energy officials agreed yesterday to apply stress tests on nuclear power plants and Germany moved to switch off seven aging reactors — one of them permanently.

The European Union's energy chief called for a reassessment of the 27-nation bloc's energy policy, and questioned what role nuclear power should have in the future.

"We have to ask ourselves: Can we in Europe, within time, secure our energy needs without nuclear power plants?" EU energy commissioner Guenther Oettinger told German ARD television.

Energy ministers, nuclear regulators and industry officials meeting in Brussels found "general agreement" on the need for tough tests to check whether the EU's 143 nuclear reactors could withstand earthquakes and other emergencies, Oettinger said.

The stress tests will be devised using the "strictest" nuclear standards in the bloc and be applied in the second half of the year, he said, adding that plants that fail the tests would have to shut down. He invited non-EU nations including Russia and Switzerland to join the initiative.

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Reassessment

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Should we rethink using nuclear power? Why?

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Metro Minute with Fiddlestix

CelticFest will get off to a high-energy start today with a performance from the fusion music group Fiddlestix at Pacific Centre Plaza. The Vancouver duo will play its unique blend of vocals and Irish-Scottish-Métis-East Coast-swing-inspired fiddles to an all-ages crowd.

The pair consists of champion Métis fiddler Cary Grigg and singer-instrumentalist Janet Noade.

The show begins at noon, and admission is free. Other opening day events include A Whisky Kiss liquor tasting, music from The Snugs, and a performance by the Colin Grant Trio.

CelticFest runs through to Sunday.

For more info, visit, celticfestvancouver.com.

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▶ Members of the band Fiddlestix.

‘Panic buying’ grips Japan

[illegible] photographs gone’: Tokyo resident ▶ Hoarding could hurt aid effort

Canned goods, batteries, bread and bottled water have vanished from store shelves as Japan grapples with a new risk set off by last week’s earthquake, tsunami and ensuing nuclear crisis: panic-buying.

Far outside the disaster zone, stores are running out of necessities, raising fears that hoarding may hurt the delivery of food aid to those who really need it.

“The situation is hysterical,” said Tomonao Matsuo, spokesperson for Nissin Foods, which donated a million items, including its Cup Noodles, for disaster relief. “People feel safer just by buying Cup Noodles.”

Michiaki Tada, a 40-year-old Tokyo web programmer, was stunned to find the shelves bare at several convenience stores.

“It’s like a joke. Cup noodles, rice balls, snacks — just about everything, except for super-hot chips — is gone,” he said.

Even in the western city of Hiroshima, which was untouched by the disaster, stores are running out of batteries and people are being warned not to hoard.

The jitters spread to British Columbia, where people were making a run on pharmacies, hoping to boost immunity to any radiation drift. Officials discouraged people from stockpiling potassium iodide, saying no health risks exist.

Meanwhile, the Canadian dollar was down sharply yesterday but well off early lows as the crisis in Japan roiled currency and equity markets. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
– 72.23 (13,546.96)	– 1.19¢ (101.63¢ US)
Oil	**Natural gas** 1,000 cu ft $3.941 US (+ 2.7¢ US) **Gold** contracts $1,392.80 US (– $32.10 US)
– $4.01 US ($97.18 US)	

Fashion. Forward

▶ Tyra Banks, centre, celebrates the launch yesterday of her fashion and beauty website typeF.com at the New York Stock Exchange.

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Banking on her TypeF personality

She conquered the runway, television and Harvard Business School. Now Tyra Banks has her sights set on the Internet, with the launch of typeF.com, which offers personalized beauty and fashion advice.

Airports ranked

Beijing’s airport trails only Atlanta’s as the world’s busiest, Airports Council International said yesterday. Chicago’s O’Hare leapt to the third spot, while London Heathrow slipped to fourth. The survey of 1,650 airports said world passenger traffic rose 6.3 per cent and cargo traffic jumped 15.2 per cent in 2010. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vancouver sales drive up average home price

A record number of multi-million-dollar home sales in Vancouver drove the national average home price up 8.8 per cent, the Canadian Real Estate Association says. The average home price was $365,192 in February. But when Vancouver is removed from the equation, the year-over-year increase in the national average price is 3.4 per cent — still a stronger showing than in the past six months, CREA said.

The number of new listings was up 1.5 per cent in February, as higher demand and stable prices lured sellers into listing their homes after reluctance during the softer housing market last summer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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What's on the silver screen this spring

Here's Metro's look at what will make you laugh, love, cry and scream this spring

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It's not just the weather that's warming up after a long, snowy winter — the cinema's getting a little hotter too.

Some of the year's best films arise in anticipation of summer's blockbuster onslaught.

With this year's crop involving everything from dramatic literary adaptations (Water for Elephants, April 22) to bizarre horror tales about telepathic tires (Rubber, April 8) springtime blooms with something for all.

▶ The thrills and laughter carry on in Scream 4.

APRIL SCREAMS FOR MORE

While the action flares up shortly after the spring equinox with Zack Snyder's (Watchmen) Sucker Punch (03/25), the hits keep on coming in the form of sci-fi thriller Source Code (04/01), the creepy ghost story Insidious (04/01), the latest installment of the Fast and the Furious — Fast Five (04/29) and the highly anticipated return of another blockbuster franchise — Scream 4 (04/15).

But April balances the suspense with a few lighter options as well. Watch for animated family fare like the Easter Bunny comedy Hop (04/01), the flightless bird feature Rio (04/15) and the sequel Hoodwinked Too! (04/29). Plus, April features funnymen like Russell Brand reinventing Dudley Moore's iconic role in the remake of Arthur (04/08), Danny McBride (Eastbound & Down) goes medieval in Your Highness (04/08) and Tyler Perry revisits Madea's Big Happy Family (04/22).

▶A star-studded cast delivers lightning action in Thor.

MAY PROVIDES WITH THOR

Adventures continue in May as multiplexes are overrun by comic book fans when Marvel's long-maned superhero Thor (05/06) makes his cinematic debut. Meanwhile, buccaneer buffs will flood theatres once Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides opens (05/20). However a week later, the tone will alter dramatically when The Hangover: Part II (05/27) shows what damage Bradley Cooper and company can produce in Bangkok.

Other anticipated hits include comedian Kristin Wiig having her own hangover moment in Bridesmaids (05/13), Super Size Me director Morgan Spurlock's latest documentary The Greatest Movie Ever Sold (05/06) and the animated sequel Kung Fu Panda 05/26).

JUNE HEATS UP WITH CARS

Summer begins to rev up by June with superhero thrillers like X-Men: First Class (06/03) and Ryan Reynolds taking on the Green Lantern (06/17). As well, fans of J.J. Abrams (Star Trek) will eagerly welcome his latest sci-fi thriller Super 8 (06/10) while Jim Carrey enthusiasts may catch Mr. Popper's Penguins (06/17). But undoubtedly June's biggest box-office contender will be Cars 2 (06/24) — the sequel to Pixar's hugely successful 2006 animated family comedy.

▶ Everyone's favourite wheels roll back onto the screen in Cars 2.

OTHER NOTABLE RELEASES

COMEDY
Prom (04/29)
Jumping the Broom (05/06)
Something Borrowed (05/06)

DRAMA
In a Better World (04/15)
Beginners (06/03)

ACTION
Hanna (04/08)
Soul Surfer (04/08)

HORROR
Apollo 18 (04/22)
Priest (05/13)

STEVE GOW

Scene in brief

Canada's newest reality singing competition will be judged by Vanilla Ice, Jann Arden and Simple Plan singer Pierre Bouvier.

The trio have been recruited to pass judgment on wannabe crooners on the upcoming Global TV series Canada Sings!

The reality show asks Canadians to form "workplace glee clubs" and battle for the charity of their choice.

The 12 singing teams are drawn from companies including Air Canada, Good Life Fitness, Hamilton Police, The Keg and the Toronto Fire Department.

Each week, two glee clubs will face-off in front of the judging panel, which will declare a winning glee club at the end of the hour.

Avatar creator James Cameron says better to shoot first in 3-D rather than add it later

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Breaking up was hard on Longoria

Still working through split from Tony Parker

The six months that have passed since Eva Longoria's split from Tony Parker haven't made things any easier on the Desperate Housewives star.

"Every time I talk about it, I want to cry," Longoria tells Allure magazine. "It's been hard. Very hard ... I'm kind of having to find new patterns because I'm not used to having — I'm used to always being on a plane and flying to a basketball game," she admits. METRO

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Eva Longoria

Tasteless tweets: No more quacks

Gilbert Gottfried has lost a lucrative job voicing the Aflac duck mascot in commercials after posting insensitive jokes to Twitter in the aftermath of Japan's recent earthquake and tsunami, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

"Gilbert's recent comments about the crisis in Japan were lacking in humour and certainly do not represent the thoughts and feelings of anyone at Aflac," a company spokesman says. "There is no place for anything but compassion and concern during these difficult times."

Aflac, which does about 75 per cent of its business in Japan, is set to launch a casting call for a new actor to voice the duck. METRO

Gibson a grandpa x 3

In the midst of his ongoing legal battle with ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva, Mel Gibson has reason to celebrate. The actor has become a grandfather for the third time, as daughter Hannah recently gave birth to a son, according to People magazine.

The controversial actor and director "was overjoyed," according to a friend. METRO

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Georgia's gem is called the 'hostess city of the south' for a good reason Politeness and hospitality just add to the charm of this city that embodies America's Deep South

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▶ Savannah, Ga., still has the old-time charm of America's Deep South.

Explore Savannah's historical beauty

"By day, Savannah is blushing southern belle, but by night this good time gal can really kick her heels up!"

Savannah, the one-time capital of the state of Georgia, still feels like the soul of America's Deep South. Be ready for glorious days, balmy nights and lashings of southern hospitality.

See

Savannah is greater than the sum of her parts. There is no single gee-whizz attraction but everywhere you go you get a real feeling you've just walked into a Faulkner novel. Head for the historic waterfront, order a mint julep and enjoy the graciousness of the Savannah folk.

Hear

"Have a nice day y'all." Savannah is known as the "hostess city of the south" — it was once a cheesy promotional slogan but it somehow stuck and within minutes of being here you'll realize why.

Eat

At the Olde Pink House. Built in 1771, with a pink stucco facade, this long-time favourite (and ex-Civil War HQ) is formal, yet the food is as deliciously Southern as it gets. Sautéed local shrimp with country ham and grits cake, crispy scored flounder with apricot sauce — the menu is as long as it is delicious.

Drink

Mint juleps. It has to be. The classic mix of bourbon, sugar, water and spearmint is as southern as it gets. Ideally served on the porch of course but also available at great bars in the historic district like Churchills, the Six Pence pub, or 309 West.

Wear

Guys can do a lot worse than a classic linen suit, which is cool, practical and a big southern statement. Ladies might opt for ultra-feminine southern belle dresses. Oh, come on, it's fun. Either way, take decent shoes; some cobbled streets are a nightmare!

Do: Look up

Much of Savannah's charm lies in the way she doesn't seem to have changed much since colonial times. The scenery, all grandiose mansions and Spanish moss-covered oaks, and even civil war forts, reflect the city's importance (and prosperity) both then and now. Look a little closer and you'll also see a good time gal just below the prim and proper surface.

Don't: Go naked

St. Patrick's Day is a big deal here, with major (slightly drunken) parades. There is a bizarre tradition that encourages women (slightly drunken) to go topless. But in recent years the police (slightly drunken) have taken an increasingly dim view of this so maybe best to keep covered-up.

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Travel in brief

The travel site TripAdvisor has chosen Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg in the Smoky Mountain area as among the best U.S. family destinations to discover.

Pigeon Forge was listed No. 4 and Gatlinburg No. 6. Williamsburg, Va., was No. 1.

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Men more 'low-key' than women when preparing for holiday: U.K. report

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Good enough to make you belt out ‘O Canada...’

Dieticians of Canada’s latest cookbook spotlights the use of locally grown food in your kitchen

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This Orange Ginger Beef gets the Canadian touch with locally grown beef and cilantro.

DINNER EXPRESS

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It’s always nice to cook with friends.

Now, imagine having friends across Canada who are dietitians and want to help you eat healthfully and celebrate Nutrition month.

March spotlights locally grown food in Canada, and dietitians from across the country share their recipes in the latest Dieticians of Canada cookbook, Cook! by Mary Sue Waisman.

The book is designed to lend a hand to families when it comes to preparing healthy meals and eating nutrient-rich foods from all four of Canada’s food groups.

It also encourages families to make the effort to dine together.

“Research clearly shows it’s worth the effort to eat together, generally speaking, they eat better. Best of all, home-cooked food tastes very delicious!”

Cook! is full of recipes and photos for meals like this Orange Ginger Beef.

Nova Scotia dietitian Jennifer Garus gives the Asian favourite a Canadian twist by throwing in locally grown cilantro and using a cut of Canadian beef.

For more information about Dietitians of Canada, check out dietitians.ca.

Orange Ginger Beef

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, combine ginger, garlic, pepper, 1 tbsp (15 mL) of the oil and hoisin sauce. Add beef and stir to coat well. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours.
2. Drain marinade from beef; discard marinade. Heat a non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add half the beef and sauté for 4 minutes or until lightly browned. Transfer to bowl; set aside. Repeat with the remaining beef.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together cornstarch and orange juice.
4. Add remaining oil to skillet and sauté mushrooms for 3 to 4 minutes or until lightly browned. Return beef and accumulated juices to skillet. Stir in cornstarch mixture and cook, stirring, for about 3 minutes or until sauce is thickened. Serve garnished with cilantro and orange rind.

ADAPTED FROM DIETICIANS OF CANADA'S COOK! BY MARY SUE WAISMAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) minced fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) garlic
- 1 tsp (5 mL) black pepper
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) canola oil
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) hoisin sauce
- 1 lb (500 g) beef eye of round, cut into strips (3 x 1/2 inch/7.5 x 1 cm)
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) cornstarch
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) orange juice
- 2 cups (500 mL) quartered mushrooms
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) grated orange rind

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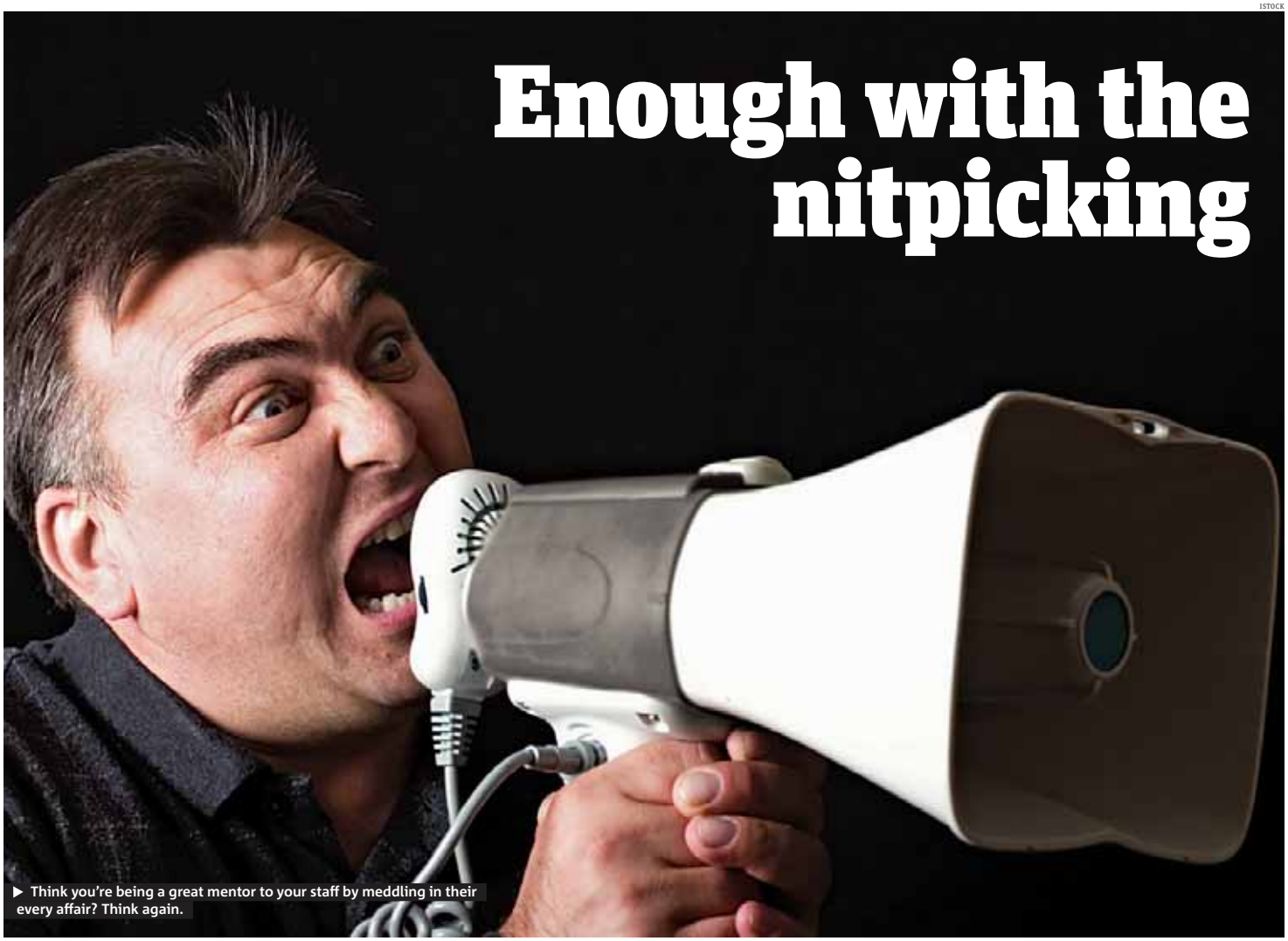

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If you want something done right, you should do it yourself.

But as the boss, if you find yourself involved in every mundane chore in the office – teaching the accountants how to format a spreadsheet, reminding the cleaning staff how to knot a trash bag – you may become the micromanager.

Few workplace tyrants exact a more devastating toll on their company's morale. And the worse part, career counsellors say, is that your typical nitpicker-in-chief think they're being a mentor – when they're truly being a tormentor.

"One of the consequences of micromanaging is people feel they're being controlled," New York-based executive guide Barbara Frankel says. "They start not being engaged in their jobs. They feel their ideas and knowledge have been dismissed."

Communication Coach Donna Flagg has a stronger way of putting that.

"People hate you," she says. "You're that boss that makes people say, 'I can't stand my job.' When underlying everything you do what you're saying is, 'I cant trust you to do anything right.'"

The symptoms of a workforce taxed by meddlesome management are easy to spot, she says. Do your underlings avoid your eye contact? Or you?

If so, consider that seething resentment "a red flag and an opportunity to see what's going wrong," she offers.

"You need to find out, is it you, and you're a control freak, and this person would do just fine if you left them alone, or do you have a problem employee who really can't get out of bed in the morning," she explains. "Pull back and see what happens."

Meanwhile, "set up more regular communication," Frankel advises.

Boss's paranoia — that dread that you're no longer in the loop — drives many a manager to dominate their workers.

Scheduled progress reports can alleviate that fear.

"Be very clear in your expectations," she adds. "Communicate the priorities and the timeline for each project."

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Little Nina's ready for the net

Today's parents are getting their children set up with emails and domain names as early as possible

It will likely be a few more years before her children will send out emails, instant messages and tweets, but Michelle Branco has already given them a head start in establishing their digital footprint.

She has set up Gmail accounts for her six-year-old daughter and four-year-old son to ensure they'll be able to have email addresses bearing their names, which are increasingly difficult to obtain.

"When I mentioned that (I did that) to someone the other day they said, 'I hadn't even thought of that,'" said Branco, who runs the blog mamabear.ca, covering subjects such as breastfeeding, parenting and health.

"For a lot of people it doesn't even cross their minds, whereas because I'm in it all the time, some of this stuff seems more important to me than it might to the person that doesn't use it."

After attending a recent panel on social media and the family, the Toronto mother decided to register domain names for her children as well.

"Honestly, I'd never even thought of it before and I thought, You know what? That's probably not a bad idea, so I went out and did it the next day," she said.

"I thought, it's something that I can reserve for them now, and if they want to use it later they can use it. And if not, it's only 10 bucks a year, so it's not a lot of money wasted," she added, noting that the kids may want to have a future online presence with a dot.com or blog.

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Registering email accounts for children isn't a new concept for Benjamin Errett, first-time father to a baby girl.

"It's actually a bit of a family tradition when we have a new kid to set up a Gmail account for them and then CC them on getting together," said Errett, managing editor of features at the National Post and author of the memoir Jew and Improved: How Choosing to be Chosen Made Me a Better Man. "In the event they can actually get to that when they grow up, it will be amusing to see."

Many children already have an online presence early on from parents posting images or videos of their little ones on social media pages or sharing them with loved ones via email and digital photo albums. Yet by registering customized accounts, domain names and profiles in their names for future use, some tech-conscious parents are giving their kids a digital jumpstart.

An online survey for Internet security company AVG released last fall found 81 per cent of kids under the age of two currently have some kind of digital profile or footprint, with images of kids posted online.

In Canada, that percentage surpassed the average, at 84 per cent. Canadian moms ranked first among respondents who uploaded prenatal scans online at 37 per cent.

The research conducted by Research Now polled 2,200 mothers in North America, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the U.K.

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WHEN TEXTING GOES TOO FAR

Workplace Law

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Office romance is a tricky business. For Zbigniew Augustynowicz the Garden of Eden simply had too many forbidden fruits. As the owner of Metro Aluminum Products, an aluminum manufacturer in Surrey, B.C., Augustynowicz confused a failed office romance with sexual harassment. When he did, it became the recipe for a workplace disaster.

Augustynowicz met Lisa McIntosh when she started working for his company as a driver. Two weeks later, he asked her out for a drink after work. McIntosh agreed, and they chatted about work and family. Augustynowicz claimed he was no longer married. Soon they started dating and exchanging text messages at work.

Having later learned that Augustynowicz was still married, McIntosh tried to end the relationship. Augustynowicz did not take this news well. He continued to send her provocative text messages, repeatedly calling her a "bitch" and propositioning her for sex.

McIntosh told Augustynowicz to stop texting her and tried to ignore him. However, Augustynowicz was persistent and his texts became progressively more offensive. When McIntosh refused his entreaties, he asked if he could date her daughter instead and enquired if she had "any horny girlfriends." After McIntosh declined to rekindle the relationship, Augustynowicz texted her saying "the hell with u, I tried." Finally, McIntosh threatened to contact the police.

On the verge of a breakdown, McIntosh went to a doctor and was granted eight to 12 weeks' off work for stress. When she gave her doctor's note to the shop manager, he said he had no choice but to replace her and then "assumed" she quit.

But McIntosh had not quit, so she complained to the Human Rights Tribunal.

At a recent trial, Augustynowicz attempted to justify his actions by arguing that McIntosh was both a "willing participant" and a "workplace flirt." However, these arguments were swiftly dismissed by the tribunal, which found that McIntosh was sexually harassed when she insisted the texts come to an end. The tribunal ordered Metro and Augustynowicz to pay significant damages for lost wages and mental distress.

It comes as no surprise that Metro and Augustynowicz's arguments were easily vanquished, especially at a left-leaning human rights tribunal.

The arguments that she was a "willing participant" and a "workplace flirt" represent excuses rather than valid legal defences, as the mere fact that an employee had a prior relationship with a boss will never be seen as a licence for unwelcome advances.

▶ A prior work relationship will not hold up as an excuse in court if one party has engaged in harassing behaviour.

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Using travel as your teacher

Canadians are increasingly using getaways as ways to immerse themselves into the culture of a destination through a variety of classes

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▶ More and more, Canadians are opting to be travellers rather than tourists.

When the annual thaw begins in earnest, thoughts of taking up a new hobby or planning a road trip begin to heat up in the minds of many Canadians.

In fact, when asked to identify goals they would most like to pursue in the short term, 62 per cent of Canadians said they would like to travel, while 32 per cent said they were looking to take up a hobby, such as learning a new language.

A new class of Canadians identified in a recent Angus Reid survey commissioned by American Express Canada, is showing a preference for combining these two goals.

Many would-be tourists now opt for vacation plans that immerse them more fully into the culture of a destination through art classes, volunteering abroad or work exchange programs.

"Our research shows that a certain breed of Canadians, we've identified as 'potentialists,' are focused on getting more out of life and realizing their personal potential in everything they do, particularly when they travel," said David Barnes, vice president of communications for American Express.

"You're more likely to see this sort of traveller dropping into a cooking class at an out–of–the–way Paris bistro than touring the Eiffel Tower, for example."

As tastes for travel evolve around you, ask yourself if you can inject some new life into your spring or summer vacation plans by looking for opportunities to get involved in the community while you travel. **NEWS CANADA**

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Keeping kids in

Lowering the high school dropout rate will require teachers and administrators to reconsider both what to teach and how to teach it

How do we help students stay in school?

For most people, completing secondary school has become a basic requirement to be able to live satisfying and productive lives.

Much has been learned about the factors that keep young people on track to successful high school graduation.

The most important single factor is the students' feeling connected to their school and, in particular, to the belief by every student that there is at least one adult in the school who sincerely knows them and cares about them.

Schools can do many things to promote this sentiment, such as assigning teacher advisors and taking action early when a student is showing signs of being in difficulty, both in a personal sense and an academic sense.

Schools can reach out to struggling students to offer extra support; sometimes only a small amount of such support is enough to make a big difference.

Also important is an engaging curriculum and effective teaching practices.

Many students do not find their lessons intellectually stimulating. Students want and need work that challenges their abilities but that also provides the opportunity to be successful. This is only partly a matter of the content; it is also a matter of effective teaching and of fair assessment practices.

Students do better when they feel they have some input into the kind of work they do, opportunities to improve their work and teaching that pays attention to their background, knowledge and interests.

The final key factor is a respectful environment, where staff and students treat one another with consideration and thoughtfulness, where students have a voice in how the school operates, and where rules show consideration for students' individual needs and for their individual circumstances.

High schools that embody these features will have better outcomes and better graduation rates.

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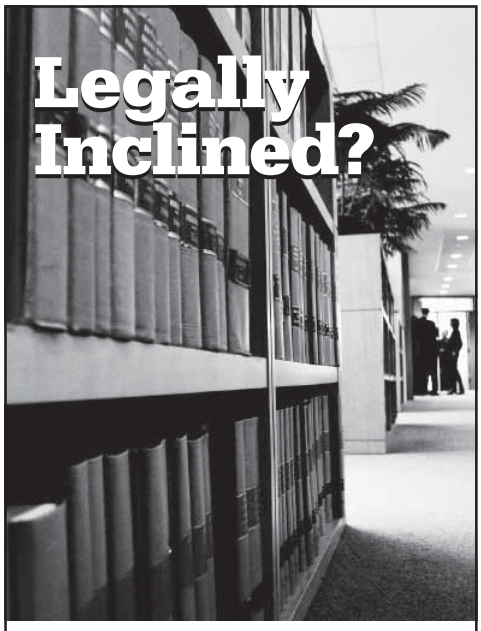
Helping hand

- For online resources on helping students stay in school, as well as the research references that inform this issue, please visit cea-ace.ca/facts-on-education.
- Canada's drop-out rate has declined steadily since the academic year 1990-1991, reaching a low of 9.1% in 2005-2006.



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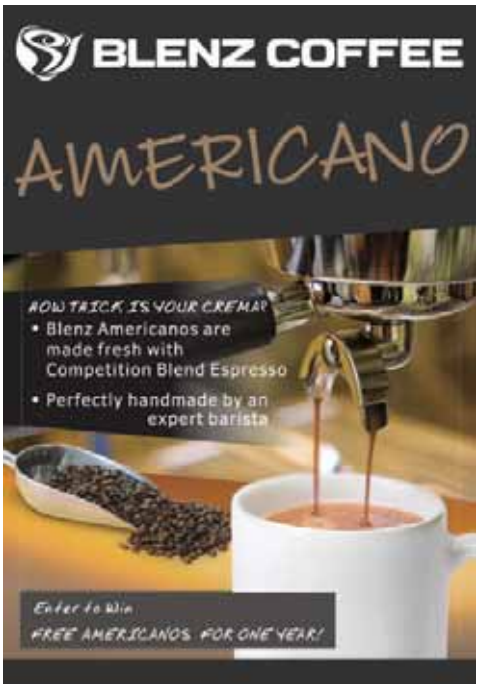
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This has quickly become a season to forget for Colorado (26-34-8). The Avalanche are a dismal 14th in the 15-team Western Conference. What's more, the club is coming off a 4-2 loss to Nashville on Saturday.

Vancouver (46-16-9) became the first NHL team to surpass the 100-point plateau following its 4-2 win over Minnesota on Monday night. The Canucks aren't showing any signs of slowing down, having won their last six straight. Ryan Kessler scored twice for Vancouver against Minnesota, giving him a career-high 36 goals this season.
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Opinion

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THE HOCKEY NEWS

REAL SEASON WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH

Through most of February and the beginning of March, the Canucks were going back and forth between wins and losses and weren't settling into a dominant groove that has allowed them to pull away from the rest of the field in the NHL to sit comfortably in first place.

Of course, this caused some worry in fan circles because a team so far ahead could easily become too calm and snooze through the last part of the regular season schedule, entering the post-season a drowsy and offbeat version of a once-mighty powerhouse.

But then Vancouver rang off six consecutive victories in nine days to close in on the club's first-ever Presidents' Trophy, so everything is suddenly rosy and promising in Canucksland again as the springtime smell of the Stanley Cup playoffs wafts into the city centre.

Or is it?

The Presidents' Trophy certainly signifies the successful completion of a seven-month, 82-game schedule where consistency tells the tale. To be able to hold up and battle through injuries, slumps and road trips to stand on top of the world's best hockey league is quite an achievement, but it far from guarantees any sort of success during the most important part of the NHL schedule.

No, the Canucks mission is far from over. Consider that, since the Presidents' Trophy started being awarded in 1986, only seven of the 24 recipients ended their season with the silver chalice lifted above their head. If Wayne Gretzky's Edmonton Oilers can post 56 wins and finish nine points ahead of the next best team and not win the Stanley Cup, the same fate can befall this Canucks team and any other.

Recently the Presidents' Trophy winner has really struggled. The past two winners, Washington and San Jose, both lost in the opening round despite having all-stars such as Joe Thornton, Patrick Marleau, Alex Ovechkin and Nicklas Backstrom on the roster. The Red Wings won both the regular season award and the Stanley Cup in 2008, but of the four winners before that, none made it out of their conference.

In fact, even just finishing atop the Western Conference may be a bit of a curse: since the lockout more No. 1 seeds from the West have bowed out in the opening round of the playoffs (2) than advanced to the Cup final (1).

So as the Canucks chase down the regular season championship, there is one thing all fans should keep in mind.

Come April 13, when the Stanley Cup playoffs start, none of what is happening now, or up until now, matters.

Galaxy. Quest

▶ Landon Donovan of the Los Angeles Galaxy dribbles against James Riley of the Seattle Sounders FC at Qwest Field in Seattle last night.

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L.A. beats Seattle in MLS opener

Los Angeles midfielder Juninho beat Seattle goalie Kasey Keller on a 25-yard shot inside the near post in the 58th minute, as the Galaxy opened the 2011 Major League Soccer season with a 1-0 win last night. Seattle controlled play early, but L.A. struck on a turnover by Sounders midfielder Erik Friberg. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Whitecaps captain may miss opener

"Saturday is the first step. It's the first brick in the wall."
JAY DEMERIT

The Vancouver Whitecaps might have to play their first Major League Soccer game minus their captain.

Coach Teitur Thordarson says central defender Jay DeMerit may have to watch from the sidelines Saturday when the Whitecaps host Canadian rival Toronto FC in their MLS opener.

Midfielder John Thorrington is also questionable after both players sat out the Whitecaps' final exhibition game last weekend, a 1-0 loss to the Colorado Rapids.

Losing DeMerit, the first player Vancouver signed to an MLS contract, would cost the Whitecaps an important fixture on their defence.

"It's definitely a setback in a way," Thordarson said after the Whitecaps' practice yesterday. "He's our captain, our leader and our most experienced player.

"There is no doubt I would rather have him on the field than be injured."

DeMerit sounded more confident than his coach. The 31-year-old U.S. national team member called his hip-flexor, groin-area injury "little nigglies."

"If today was the game, I would play and go for it," said DeMerit, a native of Green Bay, Wis.

Thorrington, meanwhile, has been slowed with a leg injury.

"He's still struggling a little bit," Thordarson said. "We don't know if he's healthy enough to train on Thursday and healthy enough to be ready for the weekend."

Neither DeMerit or Thorrington participated in the Whitecaps' scrimmage at practice. DeMerit spent a lot of time laying on his back with training staff stretching his legs.

Thorrington jogged around the pitch watching his teammates.

The Whitecaps have today off, then return to practice tomorrow. Thordarson has until Saturday to decide on his lineup.

"I would like to see the players who are going to play on Saturday, I would like to see them in training on Friday at least," he said.

DeMerit says he's just being careful.

"These types of situations you have to err on the side of caution," he said. "Right now, it's not the time to go and push yourself out there.

"(The injury) is not something that you really need to take super serious but you need to do some maintenance so it doesn't become something serious."
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Montreal	70	38	25	4	3	186	176	83	21-9-3-3	17-16-1-0	7-3-0-0	L1
NY Rangers	71	37	30	2	2	204	174	78	16-17-1-2	21-13-1-0	6-4-0-0	W2
Buffalo	70	34	28	7	1	203	202	76	15-16-2-1	19-12-5-0	5-3-1-1	L1
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Toronto	70	30	30	5	5	184	218	70	16-14-3-4	14-16-2-1	4-3-2-1	L1
Atlanta	70	29	29	5	7	196	226	70	14-14-2-5	15-15-3-2	4-4-1-1	L1
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d-San Jose	71	40	23	4	4	203	186	88	18-11-2-3	22-12-2-1	5-3-0-2	W1
Los Angeles	70	40	25	3	2	196	170	85	20-11-2-0	20-14-1-2	7-2-1-0	W4
Phoenix	71	37	23	7	4	206	203	85	17-11-4-2	20-12-3-2	4-4-1-1	W3
Chicago	70	38	24	3	5	232	197	84	22-14-0-0	16-10-4-4	7-1-1-1	W1
Dallas	70	37	25	3	5	196	199	82	19-11-2-4	18-14-1-1	5-3-2-0	L2
Calgary	72	36	27	3	6	217	207	81	21-12-1-3	15-15-2-3	5-4-0-1	L3
Nashville	70	35	25	6	4	179	165	80	17-8-4-3	18-18-1-1	4-4-1-1	L1
Anaheim	69	37	27	3	2	195	202	79	21-12-1-1	16-15-2-1	5-4-1-0	L1
Minnesota	70	35	28	2	5	178	188	77	17-13-1-3	18-15-1-2	3-6-1-0	L3
Columbus	69	32	27	4	6	190	209	74	16-14-1-3	16-13-3-3	2-4-1-3	L1
St. Louis	69	31	29	4	5	193	207	71	20-12-1-3	11-17-3-2	4-6-0-0	L1
Colorado	68	26	34	7	1	191	239	60	14-17-4-0	12-17-3-1	1-8-0-1	L8
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Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

COYOTES 4, FLAMES 3
First Period
1. Phoenix, Stempniak 15 (Fidler, Pyatt) 8:25
2. Calgary, Jokinen 15 (Bourque, Kiprusoff) 18:02
Penalty — Jokinen Cal (hooking) 13:32.
Second Period
3. Phoenix, Belanger 12 (Korpikoski, Doan) 6:11
Penalties — Klesla Phx (roughing), Bouma Cal (high-sticking) 7:25, Ebbett Phx (holding) 19:09.
Third Period
4. Phoenix, Yandle 11 (Vrbata, Ebbett) 1:53
5. Phoenix, Rozsival 5 (Fiddler) 2:12
6. Calgary, Backlund 9 (Giordano, Iginla) 3:09 (pp)
7. Calgary, Tanguay 19 (Bourque, Bouwmeester) 9:28
Penalty — Korpikoski Phx (high-sticking) 3:04.
Shots

Phoenix	11	6	8	—25
Calgary	8	11	8	—27

Goal — Phoenix: Bryzgalov (W,31-17-8); Calgary: Kiprusoff (L,21-12-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Phoenix: 0-1; Calgary: 1-2. **Referees** — Dennis LaRue, Stephen Walkom. **Linesmen** — Don Henderson, Brian Murphy. **Att.** — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

PENGUINS 5, SENATORS 1
First Period
1. Pittsburgh, Kennedy 16 (Martin, Kunitz) 9:14
Penalties — Smith Ott (goaltender interference) 1:55, Lovejoy Pgh (hooking) 13:45, Engelland Pgh, Neil Ott (fighting) 16:40, Greening Ott (interference) 19:19.
Second Period
2. Pittsburgh, Staal 9 (Kennedy, Kunitz) 1:21
3. Ottawa, Shannon 7 (Foligno) 2:08 (pp)
4. Pittsburgh, Lovejoy 2 (Staal, Kunitz) 3:05
5. Pittsburgh, Cooke 12 (Jeffrey, Martin) 7:35
Penalties — Michalek Pgh (tripping) 2:02, Cooke Pgh (tripping) 10:25, Karlsson Ott (holding) 11:30, Smith Ott (high-sticking) 12:13.
Third Period
6. Pittsburgh, Michalek 3 (Jeffrey, Kovalev) 8:47
Penalties — Engelland Pgh, Lessard Ott (misconduct) 14:10, Smith Ott (roughing) 15:03, Rupp Pgh (goaltender interference) 15:41.
Shots

Pittsburgh	13	14	14	—41
Ottawa	6	3	13	—22

Goal — Pittsburgh: Johnson (W,10-5-3); Ottawa: Anderson (L,19-19-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Pittsburgh: 0-5; Ottawa: 1-4. **Referees** — Marc Joannette, Frederick L'Ecuyer. **Linesmen** — Brad Kovachik, Tim Nowak. **Att.** — 19,249 (19,153) at Ottawa.

CAPITALS 4, CANADIENS 2
First Period
1. Washington, Johansson 10 (Wideman, Holtby) 1:06 (pp)
2. Montreal, Moen 5, 1:26
3. Washington, Laich 16 (Alzner, Carlson) 13:23
Penalties — Plekanec Mtl (hooking) 0:46, Bradley Wash, Mara Mtl (fighting) 1:48, Sturm Wash (holding) 10:20, Sloan Wash (hooking) 16:42, Hamrlik Mtl (interference) 18:09, Mara Mtl (interference) 18:17.
Second Period
4. Montreal, Kostitsyn 17 (Eller, Subban) 3:28
Penalty — Moen Mtl (holding) 11:32.
Third Period
5. Washington, Johansson 11 (Ovechkin) 6:43
6. Washington, Knuble 17 (Sturm) 16:53 (pp)
Penalties — Knuble Wash (hooking), Wisniewski Mtl (holding stick) 3:08, Sturm Wash (hooking) 14:42, Eller Mtl (interference) 15:00.
Shots

Washington	16	17	8	—41
Montreal	12	6	8	—26

Goal — Washington: Holtby (W,9-2-2); Montreal: Price (L,33-23-6). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Washington: 2-5. Montreal 0-3. **Referees** — Dean Morton, Brad Watson. **Linesmen** — Greg Devorski, Jonny Murray. **Att.** — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	38	52	90
Stamkos, TB	43	43	86
H.Sedin, Vcr	16	68	84
St. Louis, TB	26	57	83
Perry, Ana	36	39	75
Ovechkin, Wash	28	46	74
Kopitar, LA	25	47	72
Toews, Chi	30	41	71
Zetterberg, Det	18	51	69
Sharp, Chi	34	34	68
Iginla, Cal	30	38	68
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
B.Richards, Dal	25	40	65
C.Giroux, Pha	22	43	65
Kesler, Vcr	36	28	64
E.Staal, Car	29	34	63
Eriksson, Dal	23	40	63
Selanne, Ana	21	42	63
P.Kane, Chi	24	38	62
Nash, Clb	29	32	61
J.Carter, Pha	32	28	60
Ryan, Ana	32	28	60
Tavares, NYI	26	34	60
Vanek, Buf	25	35	60
Ribeiro, Dal	16	44	60
Havlat, Minn	21	38	59
M.Richards, Pha	19	40	59
J.Thornton, SJ	19	40	59
Heatley, SJ	24	34	58
J.Williams, LA	22	35	57
Getzlaf, Ana	17	40	57
Yandle, Phx	11	46	57
Briere, Pha	29	27	56
Datsyuk, Det	22	34	56
Tanguay, Cal	19	37	56
Visnovsky, Ana	14	42	56
Marleau, SJ	27	29	56
Clowe, SJ	23	32	55
Backstrom, Wash	17	38	55
Lidstrom, Det	14	41	55
Krecji, Bos	11	44	55
Grabovski, Tor	27	26	53
Ladd, Atl	26	27	53
Plekanec, Mtl	21	32	53
P.Stastny, Col	20	33	53
Lucic, Bos	29	23	52
Kessel, Tor	28	24	52
MacArthur, Tor	20	32	52
Doan, Phx	17	35	52
Elias, NJ	16	36	52
Pavelski, SJ	14	38	52
Kovalchuk, NJ	26	25	51
Backes, StL	25	26	51
Duchene, Col	21	30	51

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	11	9	2	.818	132	101	—
Buffalo	10	7	3	.700	110	93	1½
Boston	11	6	5	.545	117	102	3
Rochester	10	5	5	.500	93	107	3½
Philadelphia	11	4	7	.364	99	125	5

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	10	7	3	.700	121	109	—
Minnesota	9	5	4	.556	102	98	1½
Washington	11	5	6	.455	146	135	2½
Edmonton	10	2	8	.200	103	128	5
Colorado	9	1	8	.111	80	105	5½

WEEK 11
Saturday's game
All times Eastern
Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Seattle	10	4	.714
Kansas City	11	6	.647
Detroit	13	8	.619
Boston	11	8	.579
Minnesota	9	8	.529
Texas	9	8	.529
Baltimore	8	8	.500
Los Angeles	9	10	.474
Toronto	8	9	.471
Tampa Bay	7	9	.438
Cleveland	7	9	.438
Chicago	6	10	.375
Oakland	7	12	.368
New York	6	11	.353

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
San Francisco	15	5	.750
Colorado	13	6	.684
Philadelphia	13	7	.650
Atlanta	11	6	.647
Milwaukee	11	7	.611
Cincinnati	10	7	.588
Washington	10	7	.588
St. Louis	9	7	.563
New York	9	9	.500
San Diego	8	9	.471
Chicago	9	12	.429
Pittsburgh	8	11	.421
Houston	7	14	.333
Florida	5	12	.294
Los Angeles	6	15	.286
Arizona	5	16	.238

NOTE: Split-squad games count; games against non-major league teams do not.
Yesterday's results
Philadelphia 13, Toronto 7
San Francisco 5 Arizona 4
Colorado 4 Chicago Cubs (ss) 2
St. Louis 4, Atlanta 0
Houston 14, Baltimore 8
Tampa Bay 11, Florida 2
L.A. Angels 9 San Diego 6
Kansas City 4 Oakland (ss) 3
Chicago Cubs (ss) 8 Oakland (ss) 1
Boston 2, Detroit 1, 10 innings
L.A. Dodgers 7 Texas 6
Cleveland 9 Milwaukee 7
N.Y. Mets 5 Washington 2
Today's games
Tampa vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Atl. at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Det. at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
NYM vs. Minn. at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Pitt. at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Wash. vs. Hou. at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
San Fran. vs. CWS at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
LAA vs. Ariz. at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Baltimore vs. NYY at Tampa, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
Milw. vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.
KC vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

CYCLING

TIRRENO-ADRIATICO
At San Benedetto del Tronto, Italy
Seventh and final stage
1. Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland, Leopard-Trek, 10 minutes 33 seconds; 2. Lars Boom, Netherlands, Rabobank, nine seconds behind; 3. Adriano Malori, Italy, Lampre, 0:19; 4. Rick Flens, Netherlands, Rabobank, 0:20; 5. Bert Grabsch, Germany, HTC-High Road, 0:22; 6. Marco Pinotti, Italy, HTC-High Road, 0:24; 7. Sebastien Rosseler, Belgium, Radioshack, same time; 8. Nicolas Jonathan Castroviejo, Spain, Euskaltel, 0:25; 9. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Rabobank, 0:27; 10. Nick Nuyens, Belgium, Saxo Bank, 0:28.
Overall Standings
(final after seven stages)
1. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC, 27 hours 37 minutes 37 seconds; 2. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Rabobank, 11 seconds behind; 3. Michele Scarponi, Italy, Lampre, 0:15; 4. Ivan Basso, Italy, Liquigas, 0:24; 5. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas, 0:30

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	48	18	.727	—
x-Boston	47	18	.723	½
x-Miami	46	21	.687	2½
Orlando	42	26	.618	7
Atlanta	39	28	.582	9½
New York	34	32	.515	14
Philadelphia	34	33	.507	14½
Indiana	29	38	.433	19½
Charlotte	28	38	.424	20
Milwaukee	26	40	.394	22
Detroit	23	44	.343	25½
New Jersey	22	43	.338	25½
Toronto	18	48	.273	30
Washington	16	50	.242	32
Cleveland	12	53	.185	35½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	54	13	.806	—
d-L.A. Lakers	48	20	.706	6½
Dallas	47	20	.701	7
d-Oklahoma City	43	23	.652	10½
Denver	40	27	.597	14
Portland	38	29	.567	16
New Orleans	39	30	.565	16
Memphis	37	31	.544	17½
Utah	35	33	.515	19½
Phoenix	33	32	.508	20
Houston	34	34	.500	20½
Golden State	30	37	.448	24
L.A. Clippers	26	42	.382	28½
Minnesota	17	51	.250	37½
Sacramento	16	49	.246	37

d – division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division.
Last night's results
Atlanta 110 Milwaukee 85
Indiana 119 New York 117
Chicago 98 Washington 79
Portland 104 Dallas 101
Monday's results
New Jersey 88 Boston 79
Oklahoma City 116 Washington 89
Memphis 105 L.A. Clippers 82
Denver 114 New Orleans 103
Miami 110 San Antonio 80
Houston 95 Phoenix 93
Utah 112 Philadelphia 107, OT
Sacramento 129 Golden State 119
L.A. Lakers 97 Orlando 84
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Denver at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Miami, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

GROUP A

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
x-New Zealand	5	4	0	1	0	8
x-Pakistan	5	4	0	1	0	8
x-Sri Lanka	5	3	0	1	1	7
x-Australia	4	3	0	0	1	7
Zimbabwe	5	1	0	4	0	2
Canada	**5**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**2**
Kenya	5	0	0	5	0	0

GROUP B

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
x-South Africa	5	4	0	1	0	8
India	5	3	1	1	0	7
West Indies	4	3	0	1	0	6
Bangladesh	5	3	0	2	0	6
England	5	2	1	2	0	5
Ireland	5	1	0	4	0	2
Netherlands	5	0	0	5	0	0

x — clinched berth in quarter-finals.
Yesterday's result
At Kolkata, India
South Africa (272 for seven) def. Ireland (141, all out) by 131 runs.
Today's match
At Bangalore, India
Australia vs. **Canada**

TENNIS

ATP-WTA BNP PARIBAS OPEN
At Indian Wells, Calif.
Yesterday's results
Men's Singles — Third Round
Ryan Harrison, U.S., def. **Milos Raonic,. Thornhill, Ont.,** 7-6 (7-1), 4-6, 6-4.
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Juan Ignacio Chela (29), Argentina, 6-0, 6-2.
Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia, def. Ernests Gulbis (31), Latvia, 6-0, 6-1.
Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Thomaz Bellucci (26), Brazil, 6-3, 6-2.
Richard Gasquet (18), France, def. Jurgen Melzer (10), Austria, 6-1, 6-3.
Stanislas Wawrinka (12), Switzerland, def. Marin Cilic (17), Croatia, 7-5, 6-3.
Viktor Troicki (16), Serbia, def. Michael Llodra (24), France, 6-3, 6-3.
Andy Roddick (8), U.S., def. John Isner (30), U.S., 7-5, 6-2.
Men's Doubles — Second Round
Rohan Bopanna, India, and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, def. Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes (3), India, 6-3, 6-4.
Women's Singles — Fourth Round
Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Alisa Kleybanova (22), Russia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.
Shahar Peer (10), Israel, def. Francesca Schiavone (5), Italy, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (3).
Marion Bartoli (15), France, def. Kim Clijsters (2), Belgium, 3-6, 3-1, (retired).
Ana Ivanovic (19), Serbia, def. Jelena Jankovic (6), Serbia, 6-4, 6-2.
Yanina Wickmayer (23), Belgium, def. Dominika Cibulkova (25), Slovakia, 7-5, 7-5.
Victoria Azarenka (8), Belarus, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (9), Poland, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3).

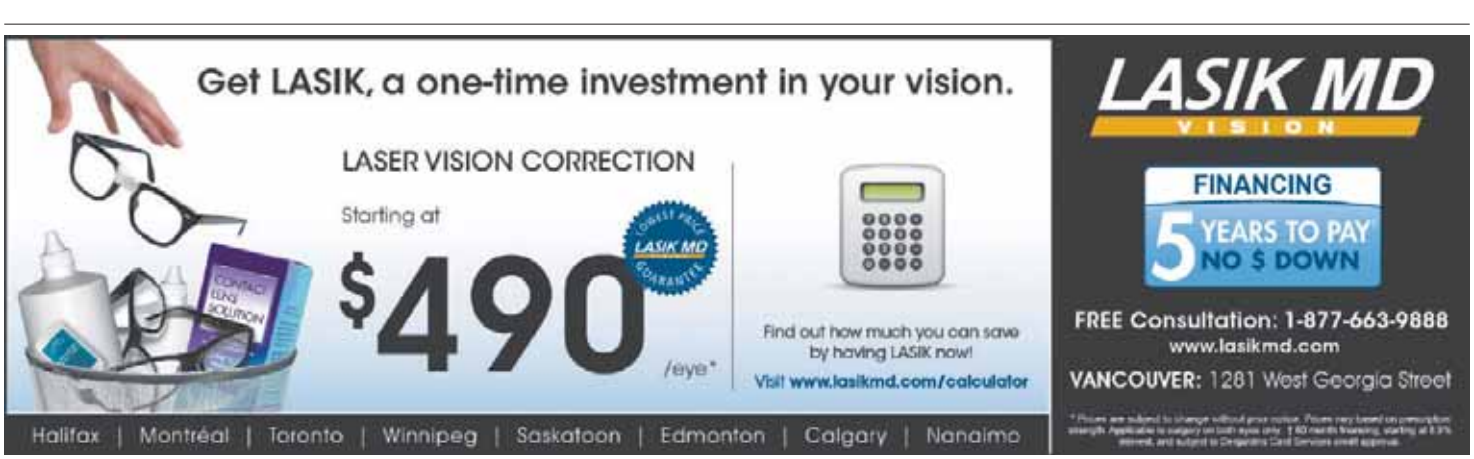
SOCCER

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
Yesterday's results
SECOND LEG
Bayern Munich (Germ.) 2 Inter Milan (Italy) 3 (aggregate 3-3; Inter advances on away goals)
Manchester United (Eng.) 2 Marseille (Fran.) 1 (United advances on 2-1 aggregate)

ASIAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
Group A
Al-Gharafa (Qatar) 0 Al-Hilal (Saudi Arabia) 1
Foolad Sepahan (Iran) 5 Al-Jazira (UAE) 1
Group B
Al-Nassr (Saudi Arabia) 2 Esteghlal (Iran) 1
Group E
Melbourne Victory (Australia) 1 Jeju United (South Korea) 2
Tianjin Teda (China) 2 Gamba Osaka (Japan) 1
Group F
FC Seoul (South Korea) 3 Hangzhou Greentown (China) 0
Nagoya Grampus (Japan) vs. Al-Ain (UAE) (ppd.)

ENGLAND
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Burnley 2, Coventry 2
Ipswich 0, Watford 3
Scunthorpe 0, Preston 3

MLS
Last night's result
Los Angeles 1 Seattle FC 0
Saturday's games
All times Eastern
Toronto FC at Vancouver FC, 6:30 p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle FC at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Sporting K.C. at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
New England at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.



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No powertrain upgrade

Unfortunately, there's no upgrade in the powertrain department for the new Jeep Compass model.

The base front-wheel-drive Compass comes with the usual 158-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder. A 172-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder is optional, but standard in 4x4 models. A five-speed manual transmission is standard with either engine, while a continuously variable unit (with no set gearing) is optional.

Cherokee-like

After viewing the new Compass head-on, you could be forgiven for confusing it with the stouter Grand Cherokee, which was brand new for the 2011 model year.

From the windshield forward, the Compass is a totally new rig and a very attractive one to boot. The vertical grille slots are adorned with tasteful chrome surrounds and the projector-style headlights literally reflect a more upscale image.

A Jeep for your situation

Those who don't plan on playing in the mud can roll with a front-wheel-drive Compass. But for coping with all-weather and bad-road scenarios, you'll need to order Freedom Drive I. With it, you can "lock up" all four wheels in synchronous drive mode for maximum traction.

The more adventurous can now add the Freedom Drive II package, which includes a driver-selectable low-range gear, all-terrain tires, protective skid plates and a beefier suspension setup that's designed for more severe off-trail use.

▶ The side profile is similar to the previous Compass, but at the front the change is dramatic. You could easily confuse it for the Grand Cherokee.

Compass is pointing in the right direction

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The un-Jeep-est of Jeeps has suddenly found its way to becoming a more respectable member of Chrysler's family of off-roaders.

Based on the Dodge Caliber platform, both the Compass and the similarly-sized Patriot arrived for the 2007 model year.

The Compass was marketed as a non-offroader and Jeep purists cried foul over this heritage-robbing travesty, perhaps forgetting that several decades ago Jeep produced the rear-wheel-drive Jeepster designed strictly for on-road fun. Meanwhile, with the right gear, the Patriot could venture where the Compass dared not tread.

Following a lengthy delay, the 2011 Compass has finally found its bearings and, to nearly everyone's surprise, now looks like a proper Jeep. More importantly, it also now matches the Patriot for off-road aptitude and attitude.

The changes bestowed upon Jeep's cute ute likely won't be enough to satisfy hard core fanatics, but, honestly, they're not likely the intended target audience anyway. It's still not the Jeep-est of Jeeps, but this upgraded Compass is a good bet for buyers seeking out a handsome, fuel-efficient and affordable machine that will take just about anything thrown at it.

5 drive

By comparison

Nissan Rogue
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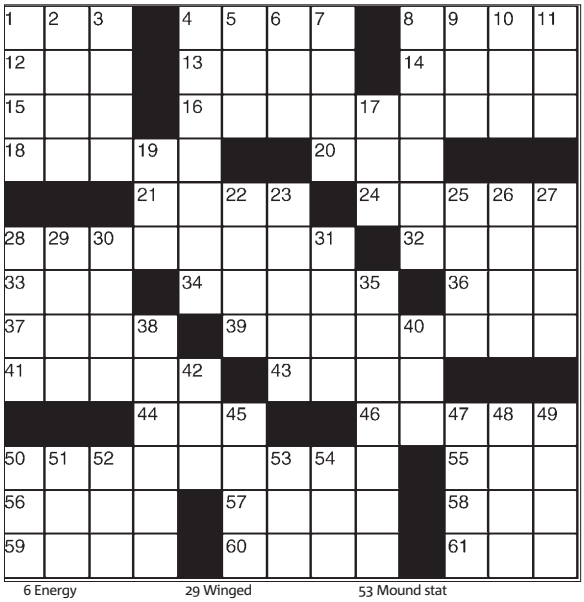

Across

1 Hurry
4 Rescue
8 Green Hornet's ally
12 Raw rock
13 Alternative to Windows
14 "— the Mood for Love"
15 Rowing tool
16 Bell tower
18 Crouch
20 Peculiar
21 Slapstick missiles
24 More mature
28 Asian country
32 Bigfoot's cousin
33 "The Greatest"
34 Cancels out
36 Once around the track
37 Bowling ball's pathway
39 Tea variety
41 Tuck, for one
43 Not crazy
44 Tit for —
46 Anticipate
50 Soft cheese
55 Travail
56 Smell
57 Met melody
58 Shock and —
59 Decisive time
60 — to riches
61 Sweet potato

Down

1 Menageries
2 Baghdad's land
3 Lima's land
4 Vacuum cleaners' force
5 Literary collection
6 Energy
7 World's fair
8 Sympathetic
9 "What Kind of Fool —?"
10 Up to
11 Indivisible
17 Bother
19 Police alert, for short
22 Cabinet dept.
23 Marner of fiction
25 Sandwich shop
26 Handy Latin abbr.
27 Ready for picking
28 Young bovine
29 Winged
30 iPod type
31 — mater
35 Some Beethoven works
38 Diner
40 Kitten's call
42 Lamb's pop
45 Ski-lift type
47 Vacationing
48 "The Music Man" locale
49 Abound
50 Massachusetts cape
51 Toss in
52 Kiwi's extinct cousin
53 Mound stat
54 Equipment

▶ Weekend's answer

A	D	E	N		S	L	I	D		S	H	A
L	E	V	I		A	O	N	E		H	O	G
B	L	A	C	K	S	W	A	N		O	U	R
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V	I	O	L		I	M	P	E	L	L	E	D
E	R	R		A	R	I	A	S		A	I	R
R	E	S	T	L	E	S	S		A	C	R	E
			E	R	A	S			A	S	K	E	W
B	A	S	E	D		B	A	C	H			
U	G	H		D	E	A	D	H	O	R	S	E
D	U	O		I	N	T	O		R	A	K	E
S	E	E		N	E	S	S		E	M	I	R

Sudoku

			4		7	8		6
		1	2				5	
8	3	4						7
				5				
9	4						1	8
				2				
4						9	6	5
	7				6	2		
6		9	3		5			

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Weekend's answer ▶

8	4	1	6	7	2	3	5	9
9	3	7	8	5	1	4	6	2
6	5	2	9	4	3	1	7	8
4	1	6	2	3	9	7	8	5
2	9	5	7	1	8	6	4	3
3	7	8	5	6	4	9	2	1
7	6	9	1	2	5	8	3	4
5	8	3	4	9	6	2	1	7
1	2	4	3	8	7	5	9	6

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Bea, Thanks for the wonderful 10 years, for all we've accomplished together and looking forward to the rest of our lives being a hoot! Love you forever and ever **SUNSHINE**

SWEET POTATO! its going to be friday soon, cant wait!! with all these ups and downs, you make it worth it. to writing more lists and 101's, love you **O-POP**

Happy 27th Birthday to the one I love very much! Almost 3 years together, and you're still my favourite guy! Can't think of a better way to celebrate than steak and wine **LOVE ASHLEYQT XO**

Jessica, you are an amazing person. I love you more than words can say and I'm gonna show you. **LOVE BJKT <3**

Cheli After 27 years you still do it for me baby doll! **LOVE YOUR AGING PUPPYDOG GINGY!**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Mercury in your sign links with Jupiter today, so what you have to do and what you want to do will happily coincide. The key is to approach your work in the right frame of mind.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you do things by the book today, you will get the rewards you deserve. If you cut corners or tell lies, your underhand methods will most likely rebound on you.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Mercury, your ruler, joins forces with luck planet Jupiter today, making this an excellent time for creative endeavours and friendships. If you can link the two and work on something together, it'll be successful.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 It won't be long before you can be open about that project you have been working on in secret these past few weeks. Today though, there's still more you can learn.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Some people see doom no matter which direction they turn, but you have a more positive outlook on life. The world reflects the mind set you choose to project. Think lucky and you'll be lucky. It's that simple.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you made a promise to somebody who occupies a position of power, you will be expected to keep it today. Don't think of trying to back out. You can't say one thing then do another.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Listen carefully to what other people tell you today because even if what they say is not entirely to your liking, there is wisdom in their words that you could use.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Your devotion to duty has not gone unnoticed and someone in authority will reward you handsomely before the end of the week. Not that you're doing it for money, of course.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Even the smallest effort will yield wonderful results, thanks to Jupiter, your ruler, linking with mind planet Mercury in the most creative area of your chart. If you can think it, you can do it. If you do it, you'll taste success.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will get a huge amount of work done in a remarkably short amount of time, but you will get even more done if you use your leadership skills and get other people to help you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You will be in demand socially over the next 24 hours but you will have to choose carefully among the many invitations that come your way. You've got an image to maintain.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 The most important thing today is that you control your feelings. If you let them get out of hand you may say something you later regret. Also, don't let money worries get the best of you. SALLY BROMPTON

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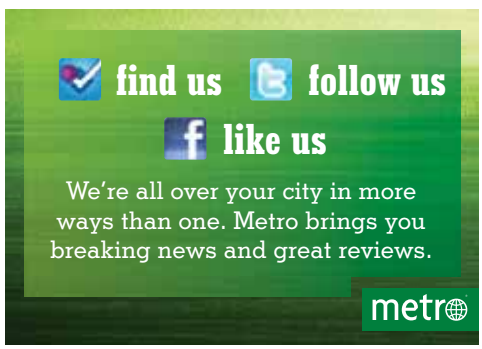
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